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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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| Attorney Docket No. | 6567R |
| First Inventor | Gary D. Lavon, et al. |
| Assignee | The Procter & Gamble Company |
| Title | Absorbent Articles Comprising a Material Having a High Vertical Wicking Capacity |
| Express Mail Label No. | EJ837507486US |

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

Commissioner for Patents
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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
(see 37 CFR §1.27)
- ☒ Specification Total Pages [43]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC §113) Total Sheets [8]
- Oath or Declaration Total pages [2]
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 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 complete)
 - ☐ DELETION OF INVENTORS
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR §1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ☐ Paper
 - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09/431,322

Prior application information: Examiner: C. Koh

Group/Art Unit: 3738

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE - Large Entity**

| Code | (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|------|------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 710 | Utility filing fee | [710] |
| 106 | 320 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 490 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 710 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)710**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES - Large Entity**

| | Extra Claims | Below Fee | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Claims | [20] - 20** = [0] | x [0] | = [0] |
| Independent Claims | [1] - 3** = [0] | x [0] | = [0] |
| Multiple Dependent | | | [] = [] |

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

| Code | (\$) | Fee Description |
|------|------|---|
| 103 | 18 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Code | (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|--------|---|----------|
| 105 | 130 | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action | |
| 115 | 110 | Extension for reply within 1 st month | |
| 116 | 390 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month | |
| 117 | 890 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | Extension for reply within 4 th month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | Extension for reply within 5 th month | |
| 119 | 310 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | |
| 146 | 710 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR §1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 710 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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